

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Water Resources Department – Engagement of Sri Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Advocate in Writ Petition (Civil) No.1230 of 2023 in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India — Orders – Issued.

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WATER RESOURCES (IS.EA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.176

Dated:15.03.2024
Read the Following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.24, Law (G) Department, dated 03.06.2021.
2. Gazette Notification No.S.O.4375(E), dated 06.10.2023 issued by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India.
3. Government Memo. No.13898/IS.EA/2015, dated 13.10.2023.
4. G.O.Rt.No.501, Water Resources (IS.EA) Dept., dt.06.11.2023.
5. From Sri Mahfooz A. Nazki, Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, letter, dated 23.11.2023.
6. From the Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Vijayawada, Letter No. CE/ISWR/DD(P&A)DEE(Log)/Legal Corres./2014/Vol.VI, Dt.22.02.2024.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India have issued Gazette Notification referring further terms of reference to the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal.

2. Government in the reference 3rd read above have issued Orders according permission to the Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Vijayawada to file Writ Petition on behalf of State of Andhra Pradesh in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the Gazette Notification, dated 06.10.2023 issued by Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Accordingly, Writ Petition (Civil) No.1230/2023 has been filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Chief Engineer, IS&WR, Vijayawada has stated that Government in the reference 4th read have appointed and finalized the fee structure to Sri Harish N Salve, Senior Advocate to appear on behalf of Andhra Pradesh in WP (C) No.1230/2023 and Sri Harish N Salve, Senior Advocate has expressed his inconvenience in the matter due to his pre-occupied works.

4. He has also stated that in view of emergency and importance of the case, the Advocate General, Andhra Pradesh has discussed the matter with legal team and suggested Sri Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Advocate to be engaged in WP (C) No.1230/2023 in place of Sri Harish N Salve, Senior Advocate.

5. The Chief Engineer, IS & WR, Vijayawada has further stated that Sri Mahfooz A Nazki, Advocate on Record in the reference 5th read above has stated that the matter was discussed with the learned Advocate General and considering the importance of the matter, it has been advised that Sri Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Advocate be engaged in WP (C) No.1230/2023 and furnished the following fee structure to the Senior Advocate as detailed below.

S No	Particulars	Amount (Rs)
1	Appearance fee before Hon'ble Supreme Court for miscellaneous hearing in W.P(C).No.1230/2023	16,50,000/- per day
2	Appearance fee before Hon'ble Supreme Court for final hearing in W.P(C).No.1230/2023	30,00,000/- per day

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6. The Chief Engineer, IS & WR, Vijayawada has requested to examine the proposal of Advocate on Record as discussed with the Advocate General and communicate necessary orders on appointment and fee structure to Sri Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Advocate in the matters W.P(C).No.1230/2023 before Hon'ble Supreme Court with effect from 30.11.2023.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby engage Sri Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Advocate in W.P.(C).No.1230/2023 before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with effect from 30.11.2023 with the following fee structure:

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1	Appearance fee before Hon'ble Supreme Court for miscellaneous hearing in W.P(C).No.1230/2023	16,50,000/- per day
2	Appearance fee before Hon'ble Supreme Court for final hearing in W.P(C).No.1230/2023	30,00,000/- per day

8. The expenditure shall be cleared by the Legal Cell of Resident Commissioner, A.P.Bhavan, New Delhi under the Major Head of Account 2052-Secretariat General Services, Sub-Head 280-Professional Services and 287-Payments to Direct Individual Professionals, in terms of orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.24, Law (G) Department, dated 03-06-2021.

9. The Chief Engineer, IS & WR, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada and the Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Chief Engineer, IS & WR, Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.
The Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, No.1, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi - 110001.

The Advocate-on-Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh,
Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, O/o the Standing Counsel for the State
of Andhra Pradesh, No.1, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001.

Sri Mukul Rohatgi, Senior Advocate
[through the Advocate-on-Record for the State of Andhra Pradesh,
Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi].

Copy to:

The Advocate General, State of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi.
P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Department.
P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department.
SF/SC. (C.No.2318121)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

V. Bangerman
SECTION OFFICER